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In re the Application of:

MASAAKI OKA

Serial No.: 10/575,529

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PROGRAM, AND RECORDING  
MEDIUM

Art Unit: Unknown

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE DO/EO/US**Box: Missing Parts  
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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 In The  
United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed December 8, 2006, copy attached,  
applicants are submitting herewith:

- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application signed by Applicant;
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ sheets of drawings in compliance with applicable regulations;
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_;
- ☐ Check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the required fees for submission of these documents;

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associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-2613.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now complete and it is respectfully  
requested that the subject application be placed upon the files for examination.

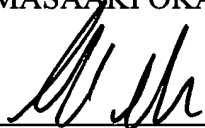
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/10/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/10/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/10/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/10/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/10/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/10/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 04/10/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

## SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.

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The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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